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In response to a telephone conversation with Applicant on 12/8/09, the Examiner apologizes for any confusion caused by the Notice of Abandonment mailed 10/08/2009 following the BPAI decision mailed 07/31/2009.

The abandonment was improper and is hereby vacated. An Office Action will follow this communication in due time and especially with respect to dependent claims 19-20 wherein the Board reversed the Examiner on the issues.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey G. Hoekstra whose telephone number is (571) 272-7232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max F. Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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